GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Immigration of Indian Students
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the number of Indian students in the UK universities has declined;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the immigration issue of Indian students during the British Prime Minister Theresa May''s recent visit to India;

(d) if so, the reaction of the British Prime Minister thereto, and

(e) the other issues that figured between UK and Indian leaders?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) to (d) The number of Indian students enrolled in the UK universities declined from 29,900 in 2011-12 to 18,320 in 2014-15 according to the data published by the UK Higher Education Statistics Agency. One of the reasons for this decline is the curtailment of the period of post-study stay in the UK. This curtailment, however, is not specific to Indian nationals but applies to all non-EEA (European Economic Area) students.

All issues pertaining to Indian students including visa were taken up during the recent visit of the UK Prime Minister to India. The UK side stated that they welcome Indian students to the UK and that there is no cap on the number of Indian students coming to study in the UK. This has also been reflected in the Joint Statement issued during the visit of UK Prime Minister to India in November, 2016.

(e) During the visit of Prime Minister of United Kingdom to India on 6-8 November 2016, PM and UK PM discussed all aspects of India-UK relations including political engagements, economic cooperation, scientific and technological collaboration, defence cooperation, counter-terrorism, cyber cooperation and consular issues.